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Dear Charles,

NORWEGIAN PATENT APPLICATION NO: 905151
OUR FILE: 31787

I attach a copy of a further official letter received from the Norwegian Patent Office together with a copy of our associates explanatory comments.

The examiner proposes to delete claims 8, 11, 15, 17 and 20 as reciting features which are claimed in other claims. Claims 22-26 are regarded as obvious and also should be deleted. Under Norwegian practice dependent claims must be inventive in their own right to be allowed.

In claim 1, we are asked to delete the phrase 'selectively applying the electrical energy to the electrical heating means' so that the claim would recite 'control means to heat selectively the plurality of charges in a predetermined sequence...' .

I suggest that we accept these suggestions. However, if you have any objections to deleting any of the subject matter please let me know.

In the first instance a reply to the official letter is due by 8 September 1993. If we do not meet that deadline the application will be shelved and may be reinstated within 4 months by filing a response and paying a reinstatement fee.

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Please confirm that I should reply to the official letter.

Yours sincerely

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PS.

In claim 1 the sentence "selectively applying the electrical energy to the electrical heating means" must be deleted. In claim 4 it is remarked that the positioning charges of flavor generating medium on a substrate is per see known, while claim 8 repeat features of claim 4 and 6, claim 11 partly repeats features of claim 4, claim 14 repeats features of claim 13 and the same is also the case of claim 15, while claim 17 repeats features of claim 16 and claim 20 features of claim 19.

We suggest that claims 8, 11, 15, 17 and 20 are deleted with due regard to the remaining claims. Also claim 22-26 should be deleted. Please note that the suggested deletions will not in any way effect the scope of the protection granted in Norway. Moreover, all the features of the claims proposed for deletion are discussed in the description of the specification. If you agree to the Examiner's suggestions, we will be able to prepare a suitable response without any detailed instructions from you, given that we receive your confirmation that the application should be maintained.

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